

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LONDON 15891 051635Z

44

ACTION EUR-08

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 EURE-00 NSC-05 NSCE-00 PM-03

INR-05 SP-02 PRS-01 RSC-01 /040 W

----- 092337

P R 051631Z DEC 74

FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO SECDEF PRIORITY

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 6277

C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 15891

LIMDIS

E. O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: MARR, UK

SUBJECT: SCHLESINGER VIEWS ON MASON: PRESS REPORTS

REF: LONDON 15875

1. DEFENSE SECRETARY MASON AND MUMFORD, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, MOD, BOTH WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO MENTION DAILY TELEGRAPH PIECE DESCRIBED REFTEL DURING LUNCH TODAY. THEY BOTH, ON SURFACE, WERE RELATIVELY GOOD HUMORED AND PROFESSED SCEPTICISM ABOUT ARTICLE. MUMFORD, PARTICULARLY, HOWEVER, WAS CONCERNED THAT MASON WOULD BE HIT BY ENTIRELY DIFFERENT POSITION ON UK DEFENSE REVIEW THAN HAS SO FAR BEEN CONVEYED, AND REFERRED AS WELL TO CARRINGTON/SCHLESINGER BILATERAL LAST YEAR WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN QUITE "ROCKY" AND DIFFICULT.

2. I THINK IT WOULD BE WELL FOR SECDEF TO RAISE QUESTION OF TELEGRAPH ARTICLE AT OUTSET OF NEXT WEEK'S BILATERAL WITH MASON, OR, PREFERABLY, AUTHORIZE ME TO DELIVER ORAL OR WRITTEN MESSAGE NOTING THAT ARTICLE HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION, THAT US POSITION ON DEFENSE REVIEW CONTINUES TO BE THAT WHICH EMBASSY HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY IN FORMAL WRITTEN COMMENTARY, AND THAT ARTICLE IS WITHOUT FOUNDATION AND REGRETTE.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LONDON 15891 051635Z

SPIERS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, MINISTER COUNSELORS, MILITARY PLANS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 05 DEC 1974
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: izenbei0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974LONDON15891
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740353-0319
From: LONDON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741258/aaaabxrc.tel
Line Count: 62
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: LONDON 15875
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: izenbei0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26 JUN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <26 JUN 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <19 MAR 2003 by izenbei0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SCHLESINGER VIEWS ON MASON: PRESS REPORTS
TAGS: MARR, UK, US
To: DOD
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005